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TAGS: AORG, AFIN, UN
SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL XIV: DECISION

1. THE TEXT FOLLOWS OF THE DECISION REACHED MARCH 30
BY GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL XIV ON "NEXT STEPS"
IN THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE EXERCISE: BEGIN QUOTE

NEXT STEPS

HAVING HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PAPERS SUBMITTED TO THE GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING OF MARCH 29-30, 1977, BY THE FRENCH AND UK DELEGATIONS, GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS AGREE TO CONSIDER IN CAPITALS THE VIEW:

(A) THAT AFTER YEARS OF SUSTAINED, HIGH GROWTH IN REAL TERMS, THE FAO, ILO, WHO AND UNESCO SHOULD ENTER DURING THE NEXT RELEVANT BIENNIUM (FAO, ILO AND WHO - 1980-81; UNESCO - 1981-82) A PERIOD OF PROGRAM BUDGET CONSOLIDATION DURING WHICH THE AGENCIES' OVERALL SHARE OF RESOURCES IN REAL TERMS WOULD BE PROTECTED, BUT A VIGOROUS EFFORT WOULD BE MADE AT THE SAME TIME TO MAXIMIZE THE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS OF FUNDS PROVIDED;

(B) THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION INCREASES IN HIGHER PRIORITY PROGRAMS WOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SUCH MEASURES AS ECONOMIES, PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES AND THE REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FROM PROGRAMS WHICH ARE OBSOLETE, INEFFECTIVE, OR OF LOWER PRIORITY;

(C) THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION, NEW PROGRAMS INVOLVING ANY ADDITIONAL INJECTION OF REAL RESOURCES INTO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN RESPONSE TO URGENT AND SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DEMANDING ATTENTION IN THE BIENNIUM IN QUESTION.

A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE BASIS OF REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) BEFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE END OF MAY. MEANWHILE, IT IS AGREED THAT INDICATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE COURSE OF BOTH THE WHA AND OF THE ILC THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES RESERVE THEIR RIGHT TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARIATS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS WITH RESPECT TO THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM (UNESCO - 1981-82).

THE HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT A SUFFICIENT DEGREE OF CONSENSUS WILL EMERGE AT THE MAY MEETING TO PERMIT THE FOLLOWING NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN:

1. GENEVA GROUP COUNTIRES, WORKING THROUGH THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) AND SUB-GROUPS, WILL CONSULT WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, AND IN ANY EVENT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 1977, WHETHER THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE IN REAL TERMS FOR THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM (1981-82 UNESCO) SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE OVERALL BUDGET FIGURE FOR THE PREVIOUS BIENNIUM FOR EACH OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED BASED UPON THE CONCEPT THAT WE WILL HAVE ENTERED SUCH A PHASE OF

PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION, AND IF NOT, WHAT FIGURE
WOULD BE APPROPROATE.

2. NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS WILL INTENSIFY WHAT SHALL BECOME
A CONTINUING EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMS OF THESE
ORGANIZATIONS, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW
BEST TO ENSURE THAT THE AGGREGATE OF THESE PROGRAMS
PRESERVE THEIR QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS, AND DO NOT
EXCEED THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURES. THESE NATIONAL
EVALUATIONS WILL BE HARMONIZED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,
THROUGH THE GENEVA GROUP SUB-GROUPS FOR THESE AGENCIES.

3. GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS AT THEIR
NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING ON THE PROGRESS MADE
IN EVALUATING THE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND IN ASSESSING
THE LIKELY KIND OF PROGRAMS IN THE NEXT BIENNIUM FOR
THESE AGENCIES.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS WILL PERSIST IN
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EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT, THROUGH CONSISTENT AND COHERENT
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE SECRETARIATS AND DISCUSSIONS
WITH OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF INDICATIVE
TARGET FIGURES AND PROGRAMTIC IMPLEMENTATION CONSISTENT WITH
THE COLLECTIVE VIEWS OF THE GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS.

GROUP MEMBERS ALSO AGREED TO STUDY UNITED NATIONS EXPERIENCE
WITH UNGA RES 31/93 AND THE POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF THE MEDIUM-
TERM PLAN AS A TOOL FOR PROGRAM HARMONIZATION, EVALUATION AND
BUDGET CONTROL WHICH COULD SERVE IN THE LONGER TERM AS AN
APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR THE FORMALIZATION, EVALUATION AND
BUDGET CONTROL WHICH COULD SERVE IN THE LONGER TERM AS AN
APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR THE FORMALIZATION OF THE INDICATIVE
TARGET LEVEL APPROACH.

GROUP MEMBERS ALSO AGREED ON THE IMPOERTANCE OF KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE GROUP ALSO TOOK NOTE OF A CANADIAN PAPER ON "THE METHODS
FOR DETERMING AN APPROPRIATE BUDGET LEVEL", WHICH WAS CIRCULATES
IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THERE
SHOULD BE A DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPTS IN THE PAPER AT THE
MEETING OF THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) IN MAY. PARTICULAR
ATTENTION MIGHT BE FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEMS OF EXCHANGE RATES
AND COST INCREASES/INFLATION WHOSE IMPORTANCE WAS RECOGNIZED
BY THE GROUP BUT ON WHICH TIME DID NOT PERMIT DETAILED EXCHANGES
AT THE PRESENT MEETING. END QUOTE. SORENSON

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